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OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tuskegee Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT SALEM, ALA.,

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OFFICERS:

REV. Z. D. ROBY, D. D .....MODERATOR.....Opelika, Ala.
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E. W. SOLOMONS.....TREASURER.....Salem, Ala.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Services.
2. Read Letters from Churches and Enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to Seats with us.
4. Organize by Electing Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Auditing, Documents and State of Religion, Finance, Missions, Sunday-Schools, Education, Temperance, and Deceased Ministers.
8. Appoint Correspondence to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear Reports from the several Committees Appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report, and Report of the Auditing Committee.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes, and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. W. E. Lloyd....Auburn, Ala. | Rev. C. W. Buck.....Salem, Ala.
John J. Cloud.....LaPlace, Ala.

LICENTIATES.

W. T. Huguley.....Salem, Ala. | J. B. Clements.....Marvyn, Ala.
R. A. Tillery.....Mott's Mill, Ala. | M. Whitman .....Salem, Ala.
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MINUTES.

SALEM, LEE COUNTY, ALA., October 17, 1888.

The Forty-third Session of the TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION convened with the Baptist church at Salem, Lee county, Ala., on Wednesday, October 17, 1888. The services were opened at 11 o'clock A. M by the preaching of the Introductory Sermon by the appointee, Rev. C. S. Johnson, from 1 John i. 8, after which the Association adjourned to 1:30 o'clock P M.

[NOTE.—The Baptist church building not being sufficient to hold so large a congregation as was expected, there also being some fears of its safety under so large a crowd, the brethren of the Methodist church very kindly tendered their commodious building to the Baptists for the use of the Association during its session, which offer was thankfully accepted, and the Association convened in that building.]

EVENING SESSION.

SALEM, October 17—1:30 O'CLOCK P M.

The Moderator not being present, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. G. A Hornady, Brother Otis M. Sutton being requested to act as Secretary pro tem.

The letters from the churches being called for, letters from nineteen churches were handed in, and by request were read by Brethren E. F. Baber and C. W. Buck, and the delegates present enrolled as follows:

Girard—E. S. Roberts. B. J. King.
Concord (Lee)—R. W. Dixon.
Tuskegee—G. A. Hornady, Waddy Thompson.
Auburn—James Foster, W. E. Lloyd.
Philadelphia—W. H. Johnson, L. R. Wheeless.
County Line—J. L. Sims, S. B. Fears, W. S. Adams.
Loachapoka—N. G. Macon.
Cubahatchee—J. J. Cloud.
Chewacla—M. V. Wadkins, C. R. McCrary, John Binford.
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Meadors, D. W. Eckles, W. S. Lawson.
LaPlace—W. T. B. Lynch.
Liberty—E. A. Goram.
Shiloh—W. E. Jackson.

Opelika—Z. D. Roby, W. D. Kyle, G. W. Dawson, O. M. Sutton.
Elam—L. A. Wright.
Salem—C. W. Buck, C. S. Johnson, E. W. Solomons, W. C. Saunders, J. A. Waller, J. M. Love, W. M. Adams.
Beulah—J. F. Johns, Charles Johns.
Providence—J. F. Long.
Notasulga—E. F. Baber.
Union Grove—Walter Newman, G. W. Gullatt.
Pleasant Hill—By Letter.
Concord—By Letter.
Society Hill—By Letter.
Rocky Mount—Not Represented.

After which the Association went into the election of her permanent officers, resulting in the unanimous election of the following brethren: Elder Z. D. Roby, Moderator; Elder C. W. Buck, Secretary; E. W. Solomons, Treasurer

After some suitable remarks by Brethren Moderator and Secretary of acceptance, etc., the Moderator invited all visiting brethren to seats with us, and asked for Correspondents from other Associations, and the following presented themselves and were received:

From East Liberty Association—Elders W. C. Bledsoe and Jno. P. Shaffer.

Brother Shaffer was also received as the representative of Howard College.

From Harris Association—Elder G. E. Brewer.

From Montgomery Association—Major J. G. Harris; also representing Ministerial Board.

From Alabama Association—Elder J. C. Plaster.

From Muscle Shoal Association—W. B. Carter.

The visiting brethren requesting correspondent representatives to their respective bodies, the following brethren were appointed to represent this body with the following Associations, at the time and place appointed, as follows:

East Liberty Association (convenes with the Fredonia church Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1889)—Elders G. A. Hornady, H. W. Garlington, E. F. Baber, C. S. Johnson, Z. D. Roby, C. W. Buck, W. E. Lloyd, O. M. Sutton, F. T. Hudson, and Brethren E. W. Solomons, W. M. Adams, J. A. Waller, Dr. J. M. Love, M. T. Whitman, S. B. Fears.

Harris Association (meets at Crawford, Ala., Wednesday before second Sunday in ————)—Elders Garlington, Hudson,

Buck, Hornady, and Brethren J. F. Johns, C. S. Johns, C. R. McCrary, Solomons and Wheeless.

Tallapoosa Association (with Mt. Pleasant church, October 24, 1888)—Elders E. F. Baber, Z. D. Roby and C. S. Johnson.

Columbus (Ga.) Association—C. R. McCrary.

Montgomery Association—Elder J. J. Cloud and W. T. B. Lynch.

Central Association—Elders C. S. Johnson and E. F Baber.

Southern Baptist Convention (Memphis, Tenn.)—Rev. C. S. Johnson; Rev. C. W. Buck, alternate.

Committee on Religious Service reported: Rev. G. E. Brewer for 7:30 this evening, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe for 11 A. M. to-morrow.

These appointments were filled as above, and a collection for missions taken up after Brother Bledsoe's sermon, amounting to $13.98.

Report on Sunday-schools called for, and read by the chairman, Bro. F. T. Hudson, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The religious training of children should engross the serious consideration of the wisest and most devoted workers for Christ. While we are glad to chronicle the fact that a large percentage of those entering our home churches have been trained in the Sunday-school, yet it is to be lamented that many Sabbath-school children grow up without being converted to Christ. This to be deplored fact may be accounted for in two ways: First, the cold, formal way of disposing of the lessons, or want of impressiveness on the part of those who teach. Second, the prevailing idea that the Sabbath-school is sufficient for the children, when they should be induced to wait upon the ministration of the word. There is too much willingness upon the part of parents to leave the religious instruction of their children to ministers and teachers. The Sunday-school that fails to bring the children where they may have the opportunity to learn of Christ in early life, is a failure. Respectfully submitted.

The report was spoken to with considerable interest by Brethen Hudson, Brewer, and others. Rev. J. C. Plaster made some very impressive remarks upon the Sunday-school work and report, which will long be remembered by those present. Many of the churches report active Sunday-schools, manifesting much interest in the religious training of the children, young and old.

On motion, adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. P Shaffer.

After preaching by Rev. G. E. Brewer at 7:30 service, Bro. J. G. Harris, of the Montgomery Association, addressed the congregation in the interest of the Baptist Laymen's Association, the

object of which is to establish throughout the State a more active and effective work among Baptist laymen, in aiding the efficiency of the ministry.

The remarks were well received, and no doubt left some good impressions upon many hearts.

THURSDAY, October 18—9 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and opened by reading of Scriptures and singing. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

Roll of delegates called and corrected, several churches reporting through delegates not represented on yesterday.

Letters read and delegates enrolled.

The report on Sunday-schools being still before the body, the discussion of the report was resumed by brethren, and, after considerable time, was recommitted to the committee, with Brethren Lloyd and Hornady added, for some changes in verbage, after which was adopted.

The hour set apart to hear the Missionary Sermon having arrived, the Association ceased further business to hear that service.

Rev. W. C. Bledsoe preached an interesting discourse from 1 John ii 28., after which a collection was taken up, amounting to $13 98, which was ordered to be equally divided between the four Boards, State, Home, Foreign Missions, and Ministerial Education.

Adjourned for dinner to 1:30 P. M.

Dismissed by benediction, Rev W. B. Carter.

OCTOBER 18—1:30 P. M.

Association resumed business, with prayer by Brother Reese.

Report on Education being called for, was read as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee submit the following: There is no question but that the subject of education is growing in importance year by year. The necessity of education is no longer a matter of discussion. All over our land there is a settled conviction in the minds of thoughtful people that the cultivation of the intellectual faculties, and the dissemination of knowledge is of paramount importance. The Baptists of our State are not behind the multitude in this conviction. But there is something more than this which should impress itself upon the minds of our people.

Education, as used in a general sense, is well enough as far as it goes; but when a great many of the schools in our land are presided over by those who are not in accord with Baptist principles, yea, when some are controlled by the ungodly, there is need to consider not only education itself, but where it is to be obtained as well. While the heads of our sons and daughters are to be educated, there is to be also a development of the heart, and of the moral affections.

Of all people, Baptists should feel impelled to foster, by all means in their power, the institutions of learning controlled by denominational men. It is our bounden duty to see to it that our children are instructed rightly. The masses are to be influenced, and if we would advance our cause, and the cause of Christ, we must educate, seeking always to use the best means for the accomplishment of so grand a purpose.

Howard College is our college. Let our boys attend Howard College. Let us, in the light of our responsibility to God, to our children, and to the whole people, endow Howard College, and make it as it should be, as it must be, a power in our State.

Send the girls to the Judson. Let Baptist people build and maintain Baptist institutions, and we shall strengthen and advance the cause of truth. Respectfully submitted, G. A. Hornady, *Chairman.*

By request Brother J. G Harris spoke to this report in the interest of Howard College.

On motion, the further discussion of the report was deferred, and 7 o'clock P. M. be made the special hour for its consideration.

The report on Sunday-schools was then called for, and, after some few remarks, was adopted

Report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. E. F. Baber, and impressed upon the Association by a few earnest and pertinent remarks, touching its several points.

Brother Cloud thought the *Alabama Baptist* was the best religious paper printed for Alabama Baptists, and urged the importance of its being supported by the Baptists of Alabama.

Dr. Shaffer took five copies of the *Alabama Baptist,* but did not think it was the best paper printed; but that it was the best it could be made with the support it received. Alabama should give her State paper at least 10,000 paying subscribers; then they would have no cause to complain at their paper.

Rev. J. C. Plaster spoke of the good the paper was doing, with even its meager support.

Brethren Bledsoe and Brewer presented the interests of the *Home and Foreign Journal.* No missionary Baptist could afford to be without it, if he would keep up with the line of our mission work. A number of subscribers were secured for these denominational journals

Report read and adopted, as follows:

OUR RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We do not deem it necessary to multiply words on the subject of Religious Literature. We take it for granted that our brethren and sisters read the Bible; but it may not be out of place to emphasize the importance of reading good books and religious journals. We are persuaded that our people do not neglect to read, but the kind of literature which interests many of them we do believe to be injurious to their mental and spiritual health. We, therefore, deem it highly proper to call attention to this matter, and to urge, as far as may be within our province, that religious papers and wholesome books should take the place of the kind of literature to which we have alluded.

Many members of our churches know but little of our doctrines, but are acquainted with many other things of less value, which they have learned from books. In many cases our members are ignorant of our denominational affairs, but are fully up on the contents of their newspapers and light literary journals of the day. We beg leave to say that these things ought not so to be. We further take the liberty of saying that the *Alabama Baptist* ought to be in every Baptist household in the State, accompanied by the journals of our Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Respectfully submitted, E. F. BABER, *Chairman.*

The report on Missions being called for, was read as follows:

MISSION REPORT.

The nineteen churches reported in this body by letters and delegates the first day of this session report an aggregate membership of 1,234 members. These churches report $636.86 as the aggregate of their contributions for the past twelve months to all missionary enterprises. This is an average of a *small* fraction over 50 cents each—less than one cent per week for the evangelization of the world. If the average had been five cents each per week, our contributions would have amounted to $3,085, instead of $636. Is there any church in our Association whose members cannot give an average of five cents per week? When we remember that there are individual members who give as much as two, three, five and ten dollars each per year, and then see that the average is not more than 50 cents, we conclude that the very large majority of our members are actually giving nothing. Pastors, and especially Deacons, should industriously bestir themselves in getting regular contributions from every member in their respective churches.

We do hope that the time is near at hand when all our brethren and sisters, old and young, especially in this Association, will recognize their obligation *to give* as the Lord prospers them. This Association, notwithstanding its supposed and real poverty, can and ought to give $5,000 to missions every year.

As to the needs of the mission fields, you are referred to the reports of the Secretaries of our several Mission Boards—State, Home and Foreign. There is pressing, urgent, crying want in every department of our mission work. We recommend that every pastor use his best endeavors to bring his church or churches up to an average of five cents per week for each member. Respectfuily submitted, Z. D. ROBY,
W. T. B. LYNCH,
Committee.

After an earnest presentation of the needs of our mission work by Rev J. C. Plaster, on motion the further consideration of this report was made the special subject for 10 o'clock to-morrow

morning, as the lateness of the hour forbade the time needed for this important matter.

Brother C. F. McCrary read the following:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee having examined the letters from the churches, report: We find the number of accessions to the churches to be 90 against 91 last year. We rejoice to hear that some of the churches have had good meetings, and report increase. We regret to see that some of the churches did not contribute anything to missions. To their Master they must account for their stewardship.

The churches of Notasulga and Loachapoka each petition for the next session of this body to be held with them.

Respectfully submitted, C. R. McCrary, *Chairman.*

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by J. C. Plaster.

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7 OCLOCK P. M.

Association convened according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Hornady.

The discussion of the report on education was resumed, and Dr. Shaffer, as agent for Howard College, was asked to address the Association. Dr. Shaffer, at some length, put before the body the present status of Howard College, and the immediate need of help to build permanent dormitories for the use of the students. He wanted $500,000 for Howard College, but only asked for an installment of $50,000 just now to build these much-needed dormitories. Many of the delegates were not prepared to act on so short notice, but would see their churches A few private contributions were made as follows: Rev. C. S. Johnson $10, E. W. Solomons $10, W. P. Kennon $10, W. T. B. Lynch $5, Rev. T. F. Hudson $1, Rev. H. W. Garlington $1, Rev. G A. Hornady $50.

Others expressed themselves hopefully of the work.

Dr. W. E. Lloyd said he is a strong friend to Howard College, but feared a failure in this enterprise. His money was ready when he saw a prospect of success, but he did not see it just now. He could not persuade his brethren to see what he did not see. They could act according to their light, and he would do the same. He had all confidence in Dr. Shaffer, but he did not believe the denomination would meet this immediate demand.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Dismissed by benediction.

FRIDAY, October 19—9 A. M.

The session opened by singing, and reading of Scriptures by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Brewer.

On motion, the discussion on education be limited, as time was pressing.

Brother Brewer urged the importance of this work God has given to Alabama Baptists to build for him as a test of our faith. We should trust in Him, and do our duty in the present. He believed the work could and would be done.

Dr. W. E. Lloyd said he was misunderstood by some of the brethren last evening. He did not oppose the doing for Howard College, was in full sympathy with our denominational enterprises, and this as much as any; but felt it would be treason upon his part, both to himself and to the denomination, not to express his want of faith in the ultimate success of this effort, and give his reasons for so expressing his fears—not that it was an impossibility, but from the past history of Baptists toward this enterprise he felt it to be a great improbability. These were his honest convictions, open for conversion when proper basis of faith was furnished.

Brethern Baber, Hornady, and Kyle also spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

Moderator appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Missions—W. E. Lloyd, W. E. Hudmon, Wady Thompson.

On Education—C. S. Johnson, O. M. Sutton, E. S. Roberts.

On Temperance—J. J. Cloud, J. M. Love, J. S. Foster.

On Sunday-Schools—E. F. Baber, A. B. Fears, G. W. Dawson.

On Documents and State of Religion—W. D. Kyle, Dan Meadors, J. F. Johns.

On Religious Literature—G. A. Hornady, W. T. B. Lynch, W. C. Saunders.

On Deceased Ministers—E. W. Solomons, W. S. Adams, W. H. Johnson.

The special hour set for the consideration of the Mission report having arrived, it was spoken to by Brethren W. C. Bledsoe, C. W. Buck, and Hornady.

Dr. Lloyd thought the average hardly a fair expression of the true state of the mission work in the Association.

[NOTE.—Several churches were represented by letters and delegates after the writing of the report, but those would not change the average to any great extent.—Clerk.]

Dr. Buck *feared some* of the *brethren* and *sisters* might think *they* were called on to break "the average" if this report should

be acted upon. He wondered what the effect would be if *some* should give to missions. He did not think *their religion* would bear the strain. His feelings were overcome at the prospect of "fractured religion" lying around loose.

The churches being called upon to express what they would try to send for missions by the next Association, responded: Auburn $100, Opelika $150, Loachapoka $20, Notasulga $20, LaPlace $30, Salem $50, Cubahatchee $75, Tuskegee $200, Philadelphia $15, Concord (Macon county), Union Grove, County Line, Elam, Liberty, Chewakla, Society Hill, Girard, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Shiloh, each $10; Concord (Lee county), Rocky Mount, Providence, Beulah, no response.

Report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee rejoice to be able to report from the bounds of our Association a strongly increased sentiment in favor of Temperance. Not only is this the case in the churches, and among the Christian membership, but also in the communities effected by them. Our ministers are more out-spoken against the terrible iniquity and shame of liquor drinking and selling. Our people are more generally awakened, and public Christian opinion is more strongly stamping the crime of drinking and selling intoxicants as a beverage with the odium that belongs to it. We rejoice to see that it is a suspicious circumstance for one of our members to be seen standing about a saloon, a reproach for him to enter, and a disgrace to drink in it. Such is the result of Christian effort and influence. We suggest that this is a most auspicious time to do great good in this important Christian work.

When the public mind is awake, and the blessings of prohibition so apparent, we press the more strongly the need of urging a higher and more spiritual standard of Christian influence and example, by Christians, as such upon the people at large. Let the churches act firmly in this matter, and tolerate in their membership no man who gets drunk, or lends encouragement to the liquor traffic.

Your committee regret that nothing is said in the church letters on this vital subject, and recommend that in the future they send up in their letters a report of the temperance condition and work in their respective fields. C. S. Johnson. *Chairman.*

This report was discussed by Brethren McCrary, Kyle, Hudson, and others.

Dr. Love reported for Committee on Deceased Ministers as follows:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We rejoice to be able to report "No death among our brethren of the ministry." Our Heavenly Father has kindly lengthened their days among us. May we all be more faithful to Him and one another.

J. M. Love, *Chairman.*

Executive Committee elected as follows: Dr. J. M. Love, E. W. Solomons, and C. S. Johnson

On motion, the Executive Committee was requested to redistrict the Association, and publish in the minutes the same, and time of next District meeting. (See note.)

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Missions Undivided.	Home Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions for Cuba.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers	Ministerial Education.	Howard College.	Sunday-School Literature.	Colored Evangelization.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
1	Auburn	$ 2 00	$48 00	$ 8 00	$.....	$.....	$ 8 00	$.....	$20 00	$	$.....	$14 00	$26 00	$ 74 00	$ 100 00
2	Beulah	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
3	Chewakla	50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	4 50
4	County Line	1 00	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 30	.....	6 30
5	Concord, Lee County	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
6	Concord, Macon County	1 00	3 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 05	.....	4 05
7	Cubahatchee	2 00	20 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 45	.....	22 45
8	Elam	1 50	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
9	Girard	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
10	Liberty	1 00	.....	1 20	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 20	.....	4 20
11	Loachapoka	1 25	.....	4 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 25	.....	11 25
12	LaPlace	1 50	.....	.....	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
13	Notasulga	1 50	4 25	2 49	12 17	.....	2 64	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	5 60	18 75	24 35
14	Opelika	2 00	40 00	21 69	64 98	.....	21 69	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 50	2 00	158 86	160 86
15	Pleasant Hill	1 00	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 20	.....	6 20
16	Pleasant Grove	1 45	6 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 33	.....	3 30	5 93	9 23
17	Philadelphia	1 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50	.....	16 50
18	Providence	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
19	Shiloh	1 50	.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 90	.....	7 90
20	Salem	1 50	.....	4 71	23 67	14 74	6 72	.....	.....	20 00	11 00	.....	28 89	53 45	82 34
21	Tuskegee	3 00	.....	47 40	66 25	.....	47 40	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	49 80	117 75	167 55
22	Union Grove	1 00	.....	25	.....	.....	9 65	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 10	.....	11 10
23	Society Hill	2 00	.....	2 00	6 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	25	12 25
.....	Mission Collection	.....	.....	3 56	3 56	.....	3 56	.....	3 56	.....	.....	.....	14 25	.....	.....
.....	Minute Collection	6 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 80	.....	.....

Rev. J. J. Cloud offered the following:

Resolved, That this body tender its grateful acknowledgments to the brethren and pastor of the Methodist church in Salem for the use of their house during the session of this Association, and hereby express our appreciation of their Christian courtesy.

Brother W. D. Kyle offered resolution 2d:

Resolved, That we thank the brethren and sisters of the Baptist church, the brethren and sisters of the Methodist church, and the citizens in general of Salem, for their open hospitality, and the liberal manner in which they provided for our comfort during our stay among them.

Committee on Nominations reported: To preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. E. Lloyd; to preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. G. A. Hornady.

Loachapoka, Lee county, was chosen as the point for holding the next Association, October 13th, 1889, Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1889.

On motion, the minutes, with minute fund, were turned over to the Secretary for printing, and he was requested to have published such number of copies as will answer the demand of the churches, and send *pro rata* to the minute money sent up by them.

[NOTE.—There have been so many churches withdrawn from this body, organizing other Associations, that there was not enough money sent up to print such a minute as the needs of the Association demand, and a private collection was taken to increase the fund, amounting to $6 83. The churches should keep this fact in remembrance in making up their minute money next year.]

On motion the Forty-third Session of the Tuskegee Association adjourned, to meet with the Loachapoka Baptist church at Loachapoka, Ala., Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1889.

After giving the parting hand by the brethren—a very solemn and tender service, in which the whole congregation participated—the Moderator declared the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. John P. Shaffer.

Z. D. ROBY, *Moderator.*
C. W. BUCK, *Secretary.*

Salem, Ala., October 19, 1888.

The Executive Committee re-districted the Association as follows:

EAST.	CENTRAL.	WEST.
County Line,	Auburn,	Beulah,
Concord (Lee),	Chewakla,	Concord (Macon),
Girard,	Elam,	Cubahatchee,
Philadelphia,	Loachapoka,	LaPlace,
Pleasant Grove,	Opelika,	Notasulga
Rocky Mount	Liberty,	Pleasant Hill,
Salem,	Providence,	Pleasant Spring,
Union Grove.	Society Hill.	Shiloh,
		Tuskegee.

The Executive Committee most earnestly suggest the propriety of holding as many as two general meetings in each District during the Associational year, and recommend that the interests of Missions, Ministerial Education, and the importance of Sunday-School work in the various churches be earnestly considered.

We further advise that each district arrange the time and place, with suitable subjects for discussion, and make known to the churches. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Love, *Chairman.*

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believed, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the *wicked* will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	Names of BISHOP or PASTOR	CLERKS.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Day of Meeting.	Sunday-School Average.	Teachers.	Value of Church Property.
Opelika	Opelika	J. A Howard	John J. Smith	0	5	0	4	2	0	166	Reg	75	10	$ 11,600
Elam	Auburn	W. H. Bedell	L. A. Wright	0	1	0	0	1	0	47	1	30	5	.....
Concord, Lee County	Mott's Mills	H. W. Garlington	R. W. Dixon	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	.....	40	...	.....
Concord, Macon County	Notasulga	W. G. Gregory	J. B. Zachery	0	2	0	1	0	0	45	.....	0	...	.....
Providence	Opelika	J. B. Reese	W. T. Huguly	18	12	0	0	0	0	70	1	60	...	250
Beulah	Gueryton	S. R. Grimes	C. H. Johns	3	0	0	3	0	3	39	1	0	...	.....
Liberty	Opelika	H. W. Garlington	R B. Wright	0	4	0	3	1	2	73	4	30	5	250
Salem	Salem	O. M Sutton	D. W Floyd	3	6	0	2	1	1	75	2 & 4	71	8	600
Girard	Girard, Ala., Columbus, Ga	W. B. Carter	T. W. Howard	0	19	1	13	1	0	93	.....	...	...	.....
Philadelphia	Smith's Station	R. H. Bullock	S. L. Mullen	0	0	0	3	0	0	48	.....	...	...	.....
Tuskegee	Tuskegee	G. A Hornady	W. C. Oswalt	11	3	0	3	1	0	99	Reg	s s	...	....
Pleasant Grove	Salem	H. W. Garlington	D. W. Eckles	0	1	0	0	1	2	52	2	s s	...	.....
Chewakla	Opelika	G. W. Cox	C. R. McCrary	2	0	0	4	1	0	28	2	...	...	.....
LaPlace	LaPlace	J. J. Cloud	R. G. Williams	6	2	0	1	1	0	48	1	38	...	1,000
Auburn	Auburn	W. E. Lloyd	L. W Wilkinson	2	6	0	5	0	1	93	1, 3, 4	50	...	.....
Notasulga	Notasulga	E. F Baber	J. B. Vaughn	0	0	0	3	1	0	58	1	30	...	300
Union Grove	Opelika	H. W. Garlington	W. W. McCalum	0	3	0	3	0	0	65	.....	...	...	.....
Cubahatchee	Shorter's	J. J. Cloud	C. A. Tuttle	22	2	0	0	1	1	65	4	...	...	.....
Loachapoka	Loachapoka	J. J. Cloud	T. E. Hanie	10	5	0	2	0	1	45	3	24	...	1,000
Pleasant Hill	Tuskegee	F. T. Hudson	J. H. Collins	8	0	0	2	0	0	40	3	...	...	300
County Line	Salem	F T. Hudson	J S Adams	0	2	0	14	1	0	41	4	...	...	....
Shiloh	Crawford	J B. Reese	G. W. Huguly	5	4	1	8	3	0	79	4	...	...	.....
Society Hill	Society Hill	E. F. Baber	A. H. Rutherford	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	.....	30	...	700
Rocky Mount	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	....

LIST OF MINISTERS and THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. E. F. BABER.....Notasulga, Ala.
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Rev. W. E. LLOYD.....Auburn, Ala.
Rev. C. W. BUCK.....Salem, Ala.
Rev. C. S. JOHNSON.....Salem, Ala.
Rev. Z. D. ROBY.....Opelika, Ala.
Rev. J. A. HOWARD.....Opelika, Ala.
Rev. OTIS M. SUTTON.....Opelika, Ala.
Rev. H. W. GARLINGTON.....Opelika, Ala.
Rev. S. B. GRIMES.....Society Hill, Ala.
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M. T. WHITMAN.....Salem, Ala.